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SUBJ: AFGHANISTAN OPIUM CULTIVATION: UNFDAC LETTER TO
PRESIDENT DAOUD

REF: A. STATE 111535, B. GENEVA 3483 (NOTAL)

1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DE BEUS SENT LETTER MAY 4 TO PRESIDENT
DAOUD RE OPIUM CULTIVATION IN AFGHANISTAN.

2. LETTER REFERS TO PREVIOUS LETTER DATED 1 MAY 1976
RAISING MATTER OF OPIUM CULTIVATION PARTICULARLY ALONG
HIGHWAY LINKING KABUL TO TORKHAM AND NOTES SUBSEQUENT
RECEIPT OF ASSURANCES FROM PRESIDENT DAOUD THAT CULTIVATION
WOULD BE ERADICATED WHERE PHYSICALLY POSSIBLE. LETTER
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THEN EXPRESSES REGRET THAT SEVERAL SOURCES REPORT OPIUM
AGAIN GROWING THIS YEAR AND IS CAUSING WIDESPREAD COMMENT.

3. LETTER CONTINUES, NOTING AFGHAN ADVANCES IN DRUG CONTROL
AND UNFDAC FURTHER COOPERATION WITH GOA BASED ON PRESIDENT'S
ASSURANCES. IT DESCRIBES PRESENT FUND SOLICITATION OF
CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUPPLEMENT GOA NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORT

AND URGES THESE ACTIVITIES NOT BE JEOPARDIZED.

4. LETTER SUGGESTS THAT IF PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN OVER FINANCIAL MEANS TO ENFORCE LEGAL BAN ON CULTIVATION, PRESIDENT MIGHT WISH CONSIDER USE OF "CONSIDERABLE RECEIPTS FROM SALE OF SEIZED OPIUM" TO INCREASE CAPACITY OF AFGHAN ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, PARTICULARLY IN NANGAHAR "WHERE THE POPPY IS APPARENTLY BEING GROWN ON IRRIGATED LAND AND WHERE THERE WOULD SEEM TO BE NONE OF THE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP WHICH MAY ENCOURAGE FARMERS IN OTHERS AREAS TO BREAK THE LAW." TEXT OF LAST TWO PARAS OF LETTER FOLLOW, OMMITTING COMPLEMENTARY CLOSE:

5. "FOR MY PART, I REMAIN SERIOUSLY CONCERNED AT THE INTERNATIONAL IMAGE OF THE FUND AND THE ACTIVITIES IT FINANCES. BECAUSE OF MY LONG KNOWLEDGE OF AND ASSOCIATION WITH AFGHANISTAN AND BECAUSE OF THE AFFECTION I HAVE DEVELOPED FOR YOUR COUNTRY, I AM EQUALLY SYMPATHETIC TO THE PUBLIC IMAGE OF AFGHANISTAN. THIS IMAGE SEEMS NOW AT RISK, SO FAR AS DRUG CONTROL IS CONCERNED. WE FULLY APPRECIATE THE DIFFICULTIES THAT MAY BE FACED IN THE ERADICATION OF OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION, BUT THESE MUST, SO FAR AS THE FUND IS CONCERNED, BE BALANCED AGAINST THE REASONABLE EXPECTATIONS OF THE 69 GOVERNMENTS WHICH ARE TO-DATE DONORS TO THE FUND. MANY OF THESE FACE INCREASING PROBLEMS FROM THE GROWING AVAILABILITY OF ILLICIT OPIUM, MORPHINE, HEROIN AND CANNABIS."

6. "I VERY MUCH REGRET THE NEED TO ADDRESS YOU ONCE MORE ON THIS SUBJECT. I DO SO WITH EVERY SYMPATHY FOR THE PROBLEMS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FACED BY ANY GOVERNMENT IN THIS MATTER, BUT THIS FUND OPERATES UNDER CERTAIN RESTRAINTS AND CLOSE INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION. THEREFORE IT MUST BE RESPONSIVE NOT ONLY TO THE NEEDS OF COUNTRIES WHICH REQUIRE SUPPORT TO FULFIL THEIR TREATY OBLIGATIONS, BUT ALSO TO THE PROBLEMS WHICH OCCUR IN THOSE COUNTRIES PROVIDING THE RESOURCES FROM WHICH SUCH SUPPORT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE."

7. COPIES OF LETTER POUCHED DEPARTMENT AND KABUL MAY 10. SORENSON

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